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SUBJ: SAUDI VISAS

1. SEVERAL VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMEN HAVE RECENTLY OBSERVED THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN UNSPONSORED VISAS FROM SAUDI CONSULATE IN NEW YORK SIMPLY BY ESTABLISHING BONA FIDES THROUGH EVIDENCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION, PURPOSE OF VISIT, ETC. WOULD APPRECIATE CHECK WITH SAUDI CONSUL ON WHETHER THESE ARE FLUKE CASES OR NEW GENERAL PRINCIPLE. IN THEORY, WE KNOW SAUDI EMBASSIES HAVE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE VISAS ON THEIR OWN, BUT IN PRACTICE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EXERCIZE THIS AUTHORITY HAS BE UNPRE- DICTABLE AND VARIED GREATLY FROM POST TO POST. WASHINGTON EMBASSY HAS SEEMED TO BE PARTICULARLY INFLEXIBLE IN THIS REGARD.

2. ON SEPARATE ISSUE, U.S. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY J.A. JONES, WORKING HERE ON \$90 MILLION MODA PROJECT, HAS INDICATED THAT NEW YORK CONSULATE IS EXTREMELY SLOW IN PROCESSING VISA APPLICATIONS FOR BADLY NEEDED JONES EMPLOYEES AND IN ENDORSING SHIPPING DOCUMENTS FOR MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SHIPMENTS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SAUDI CONSUL'S VIEWS ON WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING WHICH COULD BE DONE BY JONES TO STREAMLINE PROCESS.

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEIRUT'S AND BAHRAIN'S OBSER-
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